



Open Austin Civic Tech Update

to the

Austin City Council
Emerging Technology and Telecommunications
Committee

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- Citizen volunteer group
- Founded in 2009
- Advocates for open government, open data, and civic technology
- The *Code for America* Brigade in Austin
- Two focus areas:
 - Hack Team - Builds and supports civic applications
 - Gov Team - Advocacy and leadership on policy issues

Hack Team

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Open Gov Hack Nights

- Initiated February 4
- Every other week, varying locations
- 4-8 people, solid core group participation
- Hack, learn, collaborate

Intersection of open gov, city, technology

Current Apps (1/3): Recycle App

"Do I put my bins out today?"

Partner: Austin
Resource Recovery

Status: web service
implemented, building
out app

Recycling Schedule

Find Place: Go

Map Satellite

Lat/Lng: (30.23260956, -97.79033661)
Address: 2112 Fortview Road, Austin, TX 78704, USA
Recycle day (week A): TUESDAY
Recycle pickup: 05/07/2013
Service: Brush pickup: 02/03/2013
Bulky pickup: 06/09/2013
Garbage day: TUESDAY

Current Apps (2/3): TEC Filer

Financial filings by candidates, officeholders and PACs

Partners: City Clerk, Comm & Tech Mgt

Status: import to database done, web interface in process

Texas Ethics Commission P.O. Box 12090 Austin, Texas 78712-0090 (512) 463-5800 (502) 468-0200

CANDIDATE / OFFICEHOLDER CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT		FORM C/OH Cover Sheet PG 1	
The CDF instructions (found online) have to complete this form.		1. ACCOUNT #	2. FILING YEAR
3. CANDIDATE / OFFICEHOLDER NAME		3. PARTY	4. OFFICE (SEE ONLY)
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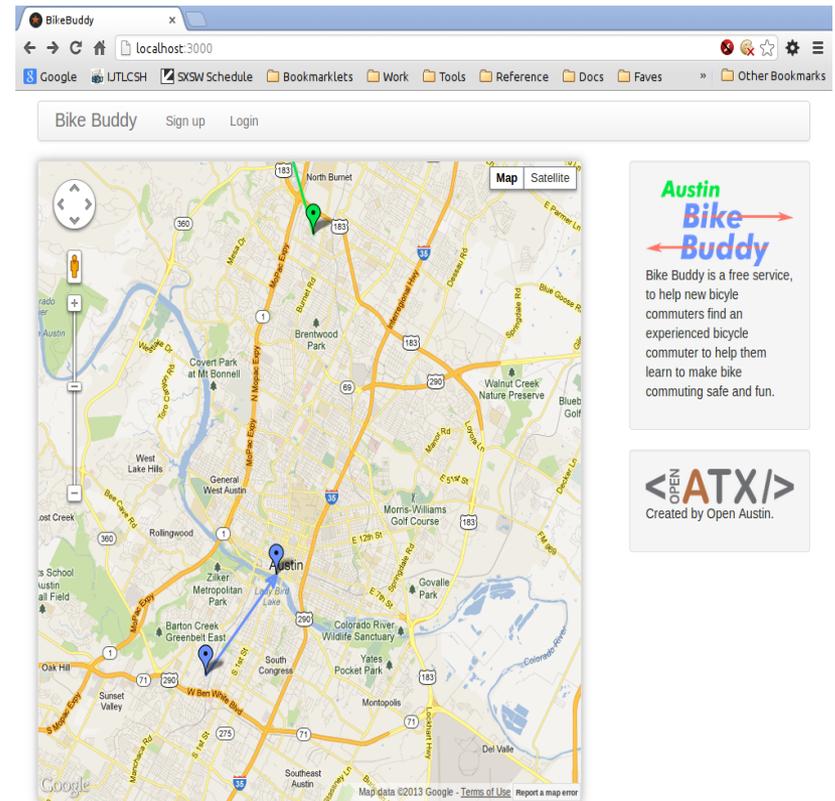
www.ethics.state.tx.us Revised 09/2012

Current Apps (3/3): Bike Buddy

Help new bike commuters find an experienced buddy.

Partner: Council Member Chris Riley

Status: Want to deploy for bike month



NATIONAL DAY of CIVIC HACKING

A national event that will take place June 1-2 and will bring together citizens, software developers, and entrepreneurs across the nation.

Local event organized by:
St. Edwards University
Office of Information Technology

<http://hackforchange.org/atx-hackathon-change-2013>

ATX Civic Tech Expo

- Thursday, May 23, 10am - 5pm, City Hall
- First attempt to engage general public on civic tech issues
- In the atrium – Demonstrations of civic technology and apps
- In the media "fishbowl" – Live civic hackathon
- Contact: info@open-austin.org

Office of Civic Tech Innovation

- Open Austin presented proposal for an Office of Civic Technology Innovation, Aug 30, 2012 budget hearing
- Council approved \$250K in FY2013 budget as seed funding to support two FTEs and programs
- Currently awaiting implementation
- Concerns:
 - Depth of community engagement during planning
 - Delays resulting in stagnation and resource issues with civic tech initiatives